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Governor signs proclamation supporting military families

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard demonstrated his support of military families by signing an executive proclamation announcing November as Military Family Appreciation Month in South Dakota.

The proclamation was made to remember and honor the commitment and sacrifices made by the families of our nation's service members.

"Our governor has on many occasions communicated his appreciation for South Dakota's military members, veterans and their families," said Lt. Col. Bryan Jacobson, SDNG Service Member and Family Support director. "This proclamation is just another statement of that continued support."

The proclamation recognizes how family support continues to make a difference in the vital role of service members' participation in the global war on terrorism and disaster relief missions to secure the freedoms of citizens in the state of South Dakota.

Jacobson says the proclamation gives special recognition to the commitment of dedicated and supportive family members who make sacrifices in supporting their loved one's service in the military.

"Family readiness lead volunteer Christina Schmit sees her role as a military family member as extremely important," said Jacobson. "She knows if she doesn't support her spouse in his military position, he would not be able to effectively accomplish his mission."

Jacobson encourages everyone to take a moment to reach out and thank our military families for their sacrifices.

"As we celebrate Thanksgiving during the month of November, I believe it is fitting to take a moment to personally share our appreciation with military families in our communities," said Jacobson. "A simple 'thank you' means a lot."

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